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Nemo nos impune laceſſit.

FROM the remarks which we have already publiſhed on *Harlequin-Horace*, we queſtion not but 'tis evident to the gentle Reader, that the principal deſign of that invidious irony is to enſnare and expoſe the Members of our Society; and that the Author of it is maliciouſly and heatheniſhly engaged in carrying on the cauſe of Antigrubeaniſm, which was in ſuch an unchriſtian like manner begun by the *Dunciad*: a cauſe no leſs to be dreaded and warded againſt by us, than that which is at preſent attempted againſt our good friends and allies, the *Corporation of Pawn-brokers*, is by them. Yea verily, much more is it ſo, foraſmuch as theſe our opponents do not only endeavour to deprive us of our charter, and thereby prevent us from exerciſing our lawful call for the future; but do, moreover, bring againſt us *writs* of enquiry and retroſpection, in order to make us accountable for our conduct paſt; to ſtrip us of that precious fame which we have ſo juſtly acquir'd; and, *vi & armis*, to ſeize on our poſſeſſions. We ſhall therefore, out of our great zeal for the Grubean eſtabliſhment, and generous inclination to do juſtice to thoſe of our Brethren, who are either directly vilify'd, or obliquely ſquinted at, by that *Mock-Harlequin* Critic, carry on our obſervations on him, with the utmoſt ſeverity. Moreover, as it is profeſſedly the moſt admirable talent in a Critic, to be able from a wicked writer to draw good inſtructions, in like manner as Chymiſts extract cordials from the rankeſt poiſon; we ſhall labour aſſiduouſly to refine and unvenom many things in this Writer, and to convert them to the emolument and ſervice of our fraternity. To proceed then:

'The way to write of Heroes, and of Kings,
'And ſing in wondrous numbers, wondrous things, &c.

Here we muſt acknowledge, that this Author (however otherwiſe culpable) is juſt enough in his catalogue of Writers for our imitation, ſeeing he ſubſtitutes in the room of HOMER, and ſuch other like obſolete and crabbed ſcriblers of antiquity, mentioned by HORACE, the great and well-known names of BLACKMORE, NAMBY-PAMBY, TIBBALD, and DUCK; names which will for ever live in the records of our Society, how much ſoever their productions may be neglected and forgotten, through the depraved and vitiated taſte of mankind.

'Of mighty matters done in bloody battle,
'How arms meet arms, ſwords claſh, and cannons rattle:

Here he attempts to imitate the ſtile of that renowned and indefatigable veteran, who was ſpitefully ſaid by our late adverſary DRYDEN, *to write to the rumbling of his chariot wheels*; but with how little ſucceſs, and how infinitely below the ſublime rage of that mighty bard, may be ſeen from a compariſon with the following quotation.

'Arms meet with arms, fauchions with fauchions claſh,
'And ſparks of fire ſtruck out from armour flaſh;
'Thick clouds of duſt contending warriors raiſe,
'And hideous war o'er all the region brays:
'Some raging ran with huge Herculean clubs,
'Some maſſy balls of braſs, ſome mighty tubs
'Of cynders bore ———
'Naked and half burnt hills with hideous wreck
'Affright the ſkies, and fry the ocean's back.

Theſe are wonderful lines indeed: lines which the Author of the *Diſpenſary*, tho' an inveterate enemy, could not help confeſſing to have ſo much of the magical charms of poetry in 'em, as to make uſe of them in an incantation for raiſing a ſprite: lines which muſt neceſſarily excite the affections both of *terror* and *compaſſion* in the breaſt of every reader.

'To ſing of ſhepherds, and of ſhepherdeſſes,
'Their awkward humours, dialogues, and dreſſes, &c.
'In NAMBY-PAMBY's Paſtorals may be ſeen.

Again the trifler muſt be writing like a fool, by endeavouring to imitate this worſhipful brother: but how incapable he was of *falling* into the *ruſtick ſimplicity* of that inimitable *Child* of Apollo, is manifeſt from his being afterwards obliged to quote his very words, in order to do him juſtice.

'TIBBALD in mail compleat of dullneſs clad,
'Half bard, half puppet-man, half fool, half mad.

This is a malicious and groundleſs reflection on a very acute and induſtrious Member of ours, as if he was wont to do things by halves: when, on the contrary, many dozen of his ſubſcribers are ready to teſtify, that he is very far from having done *Half* of any thing he ever undertook; foraſmuch as of the many different works for which he has procured their encouragement, they have hitherto ſeen no more than the *Propoſa's* and *Specimen*. We cannot ſufficiently applaud this behaviour in our Brother, ſeeing by this means he not only very judiciouſly and effectually puts in practice the rule of —— *prematur in annum*, but likewiſe graciouſly abſolves his ſubſcribers from the ſecond payment of their contribution-money: a favour for which every one of them has reaſon to be grateful; in as much as 'tis more eligible to pay *one* guinea than *two* for *nothing*.

—— in mail compleat of dullneſs clad.

That's flat nonſenſe, and a blunder of the Printer's. It ſhould be *jail compleat*, and then the metaphor will bear ſome alluſion, a *jail* being frequently ſtiled a ſtone *doublet*, *jacket*, &c. a garment with which many of our Members are frequently inveſted. From hence we may perceive the uncharitableneſs and immorality of this Writer, in being guilty of ſuch a barbarous inſult on any honeſt man, for a misfortune impoſſible to be avoided, unleſs by forſaking the delectable and generous exercitation of rhime, for the laborious and ſordid exercice of mechanical employ.

'The ſacred nine firſt gave th' uncommon luck,
'To charm the royal ear, to STEPHEN DUCK.

Uncommon luck indeed, and what none could ever boaſt of doing by Poetry, but this fortunate *Barn's-man:* and that he was ſo happy, was, we conjecture, entirely owing to the choice of his ſubject, ſublimely mentioned in the following line;

'Things done by man of God for Shunamite:

Her Majeſty, out of her exemplary piety, having always manifeſted an extraordinary regard for religious productions.

'Laborious DUCK! who with prodigious pain,
'Haſt threſh'd from thy coarſe, tough, hard-yielding brain,
'A moſt abundant crop of golden grain.

Theſe three lines contain *three* very falſe and injurious inſinuations: *firſt* as if this Wiltſhire Bard was addicted to labour and aſſiduity in his employment, which will appear very improbable to the conſiderate reader, ſince he ſpent ſo much of his time in recreations of rhime; an amuſement by no ways conſiſtent with any laborious occupation, and ſeldom meddled with by any but ſuch as have no inclination to do any thing at all: *next*, as if the ſame perſon had ſhewn ſtudy and labour in his writings; which is as erroneous as the other, ſeeing every one muſt acknowledge that ſuch performances were *eaſily* written: and *laſtly*, as if he had acquired much wealth by his works, which I affirm to be equally groundleſs and falſe, he being in a little or no better condition than when he firſt came to court, unleſs that of a labouring gardener be ſo far preferable to his former. In one reſpect indeed, it muſt be acknowledg'd, that he has been a conſiderable *gainer*; I mean, by the *loſs* of his *wife*. That infidel termagant! who was wont to diſturb and interrupt him in his purſuits of inſpiration, and unreaſonably deſire him to mind his proper buſineſs. I inſiſt therefore, that *crop of golden grain* may *(ſalvo rhymo)* be altered to *crop of golden fame (aurea fama)* which will make it both true and intelligible.

'But which of thoſe the Laureat's wreath ſhall wear
'From their like merit cannot well appear,
'Till deep diſcerning G —— N ſhall declare.

'Twas very lucky for this Writer, that he did not in this place attempt at propheſy, an error which moſt of our Members are apt to fall into: for had he offered to have determined the happy perſon who ſhould bear off the Bays, verily he had been bitten; ſeeing no Bard could have *divined* that COLLEY would have been the man.

'Your readers taſtes you ſhould with care diſcern,
'And never be too ignorant to learn.

Tho' this may be a very good rule, yet it is an unneceſſary one: for ignorance is a part of learning ſo eaſy and natural to our Members, that they dive into it very alertly and profoundly, and ſeldom or never err through want of it.

'In one ſcene make us weep, in t'other ſmile,
'It ſuits the various tempers of our iſle.

This rule is ſtrictly obſerved by all our Dramatick writers: moſt of our modern Comedies have ſuch very *ſad* ſcenes in them, as even to draw tears from the tender and compaſſionate part of the audience; whilſt thoſe pleaſant and diverting Tragedies, *The Rape*, *Periander*, *Merope*, &c. do ſo often condeſcend to cheer and tickle the heartſtrings of their readers, that 'tis impoſſible for 'em to refrain from burſting into a laugh.

''Tis not enough that ſhow and ſing-ſong meet;
'The ladies look for ſomething ſoft and ſweet: *&c.*
'In *Perſeus* this was to perfection done;
'The Dance was very moving they muſt own.

This is a virulent piece of ſcandal on the town ladies, intimating, that they are much recreated with carnal and ſenſual diverſions: the reverſe of which is notoriouſly manifeſt from the multiplicity of actions lately brought by them againſt *beaſtly fellows* for *Rapes*, *Aſſaults* with intent to *raviſh*, &c. which are ſtrong indications of their invincible modeſty. And here I ſincerely congratulate my countrymen, who have the happineſs to live in this golden age of innocence: and may it be known when the children of this age ſhall be anceſtors, that in the year of our Lord, one thouſand, ſeven hundred, and thirty, the ſimplicity and innocence of our women was at ſuch a pitch, that they could appear for threeſcore nights together at a bawdy entertainment, in which the moſt laſcivious acts, nearly tending to copulation itſelf, were repeatedly repreſented; and of which they were ſo entirely ignorant and unexperienc'd, that they could not gueſs what it meant, nor were ſo much as put to the expence of a bluſh.

[To be continu'd.]

To Mrs. M. H.

WHEN firſt, MARILLA, on thy charms I gaz'd,
From thoſe bright eyes what rays of glory blaz'd!
Lightning, 'tis ſaid (ſo ſubtile is the fire)
Will melt the ſword, and leave the ſheath entire.
Such was my fate. —— I view'd me all around;
No ſcar directed to th' internal wound.
Hurt ſure I was: I felt the tingling ſmart
Through paths unſeen invade my melting heart.
On that the Lightning of thine eyes did play,
'Till by their beams 'twas quite diſſolv'd away.

On Mr. JAMES MOORE's *pretty verſes on the birth-day of the* Lord *Andover, printed in our laſt* Journal.

WHAT makes for once, Squire JEMMY's Muſe ſo toward?
Mere joy to ſee a Couſin of NED HOWARD.

BAVIUS.

DOMESTICK NEWS.

C. *Courant.*
P. *Poſt-Boy.*
D P. *Daily Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
E P. *Evening Poſt.*
S J. *S. James's Evening Poſt.*
WE. *Whitehall Evening P.*
L E. *London Evening Poſt.*
Cr. *Crafts-man.*
F. *Fog's Journal.*

THURSDAY, *April* 1.

Yeſterday the Rev. Dr. Holland preached before her Majeſty, his R. Highneſs the D. and all the Princeſſes, in the Chappel Royal at S. James's. *C.* —— We hear that a privy ſeal is ſent abroad to call home a perſon of Quality. *P.* —— Monday laſt his Majeſty's moſt gracious free pardon was ſent to Reading for Tho. Shorter, condemned for the murder of one Baker laſt ſummer in Windſor Foreſt. *D P.*

Yeſterday the fine ſett of 8 horſes, which the D. of Dorſet bought of Baron Bothmar for 600 guineas, w[illegible]

viewed by his Grace, and ſeveral other Noblem n; and they are to be his ſtate horſes in Ireland. *P.*

We are informed that the L. Commiſſioners of the Admiralty have received an account, that one of his Majeſty's Sloops, having ſeized a French ſmuggling veſſel, 2 of the men put lighted matches between the fingers of 2 of the Frenchmen and a boy, in order to extort money from them; whereupon their Lordſhips order'd the 2 perſons to be kept in irons, in order to their being exemplarily puniſhed. *DP.*

Saturday night, as a Gentleman was going along Holborn-Row, Lincoln's-Inn fields, a Sharper came behind, pluck'd off his cloak, and made off with it croſs the fields: the Gentleman cry'd out *Stop thief*; the ſuppoſed Sharper ran to him, and asked him if he had loſt any thing: the Gentleman reply'd, he had loſt his cloak. The Sharper ſaid he had taken up ſomething, which was the cloak. He gave it to him and ſaid, Sir, I hope you'll give me ſomething to drink; whereupon the Gentleman put his hand in his pocket, and gave him 5 s. and deſired him to [help him] put his cloak on, which the rogue pretended to do, but ſnatched off his wig and cloak, and made off with the ſame croſs the fields. *P.* At the Play-houſe door in Lincoln's-Inn-Fields: the rogues ſnatch'd it away with his coat and wig. *DJ. SJ.* With his hat and wig. *EP. WE. LE.*

On tueſday a court of L. Mayor and Aldermen was held at Guildhall, when the Serjeants belonging to both the Compters petitioned the Court againſt the Sheriffs, for the non-payment of their waiting-bills, due on their attendance at the publick executions: after a long hearing the Court declared that they ſhould be regularly paid, in caſe they brought in a reaſonable bill. *C.*

Yeſterday Sir Joh. Shelly's Lady, Siſter to the Duke of Neweaſtle, was ſafely brought to bed of a ſon and heir at Sir John's houſe in Duke-ſtreet, S. James's. — Tueſday laſt Joh. Jollife, Eſq; one of the Commiſſioners of the Wine-licence Office was married to Mrs. Mitchell a Surrey Lady of 30,000 l. fortune. *LE.*

On Friday laſt Wil. Walker, a trooper, was executed at Northampton for the barborous Murder of John Hall. His ſpeech and declaration being printed on ſaturday night, ſeveral of the poor people who ſold it were knock'd down and inhumanly beat by many of the troopers. One Parſons, a trooper, who was condemned for the ſame murder has receiv'd a reprieve. On monday morning another trooper was committed to gaol for raviſhing and barbarouſly uſing a young girl. *Ibid.* — *No wonder theſe* Gentlemen *would reſtrain the liberty of the preſs, which makes their* rapes *and* murders *more publick.*

The rev. Mr. Webſter, Curate of S. Dunſtan's in the Weſt, and Author of *The Clergy's right of* [*to*] *maintenance*, puts up for Pariſh Clerk of S. Dunſtan's, in the room of Mr. Serle, deceaſed; and propoſes to hold the ſame *in commendam Ibid.* — *My Friend Mr.* Giles Jacob *aſſures me there is no joak in this. However a preferment* held in commendam *is often* held for life: *but a* Pariſh Clerkſhip *is no preferment.*

Friday, *April* 2.

On Monday laſt his Majeſty's Ship the Shoreham, of 40 guns, was launch'd out of the Wet-Dock at Deptford. — This day the Ludlow Caſtle, of 40 guns, was put in commiſſion, and the command was given to the R. Hon. the L. Aubrey Beauclerc. *P.*

We hear that the damage by the late fire at Badmington is not ſo conſiderable as has been reported, the fire having been kept from deſtroying any thing lower than the roof of ſome part of the houſe. *DP. DJ.*

Tueſday morning, as the Keepers of Kingſton Jail went to fetch up Joſ. Beckley to take his trial for breaking open the houſe of Nic. Wygate, they found him dead in the Jail, he having poiſoned himſelf. *P.*

By letters from Glouceſterſhire we are inform'd, that a treaty of marriage is negotiating between Edw. Feild, of Feild-place near Stroud, Eſq, a Gentleman of about 75 years of age, and Miſs Plummer, a young Lady about 17; and that part of her fortune is to be paid upon the day of her marriage, and the remainder at the birth of the firſt child. *DP* ——— *I don't doubt, but ſhe will be ſo good a* wife, *as to ſecure to her husband the* payment of her *whole* fortune.

Laſt Tueſday morning, Mr. Crompton, a Turner, in Charles-ſtreet S. James's, croſſing S. George's fields obſerved 2 men coming towards him, curſing and ſwearing, and quarrelling to that degree that he thought they were going to fight; one was humpback'd, whom he pitied, not thinking he was a ſufficient match for the other; but when they came up to him they became friends all of a ſudden, and both of them fell upon him with great violence, knock'd him down, beat him very much, and robb'd him of 2 guineas and other money. *DP.* ——— *I fear there is ſome political meaning* typically *contained under this article.*

Saturday, *April* 3.

Yeſterday the Rev. Dr. Booth, Dean of Windſor, preach'd before her Majeſty, &c.

On thurſday Mr. Phil. Miller, Director of Dr. Sloan's benefaction, (the Phyſick-Garden at Chelſea) preſented a copy in Royal paper, finely bound, of his *Gardiners Dictionary*, juſt printed and dedicated to the Royal Society; from whom, for this excellent and uſeful work, he received unanimous thanks; afterwards ſome extracts from letters wrote by Dr. Scheutzer of Zurich to Dr. Sloan, giving a long and very particular account of the melancholy effects of 2 earthquakes felt in ſeveral parts of Switzerland, Germany, and Alſace, particularly at Strasbourg, in the years 1728 and 1729, and another letter from the ſame perſon to the moſt learned Preſident, concerning an *Aurora Borealis*, viſible at Zurich. A Deſcription of the water-works at London Bridge, drawn up by Mr. Hen. Beighton, a Fellow of the Society, was communicated; and a model of a new invented Crane for loading and unloading goods at the wharfs, was ſhewn by Dr. Deſaguliers, who explain'd the uſe of the ſeveral parts. In the room was the ſame day firſt poſted up as a Candidate, Dr. Martin Frienwald, Director of Mechanicks at Stockholm to the King of Sweden, and Fellow of the Royal Society at Upſal; he was recommended for his knowledge in Natural Philoſophy and Mathematicks, for the uſeful experiments he had communicated to this Society in *Electricity and the firſt overture of the coheſion of matter*, which moſt learned men attribute to the immortal Sir Iſa. Newton: This Dr. Frienwald was propoſed by Dr. Deſaguliers, Dr. Bentley, and Dr. Dillenius. *DP,*

Laſt thurſday being All fools day (the firſt of April) a report was ſpread, that the government at a great rate were purchaſing the laſt coin'd half pence, on which was omitted the R in GEORGIUS; ſo that many went to the mint and change, expecting an advanced price, in which they were deceived; but it is now confidently reported that they will be cry'd down. *DP*

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint Major Cholmondeley, (Son to the R. H. the E. of Cholmondeley) to be Lieut. Col. of the 3d troop of Horſe-guards. — Yeſterday the L. Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, put his Majeſty's ſhip the Shoreham into commiſſion, and gave the command to Lieut. Griffin. — Joh. Cleveland, Eſq; ſon of William Cleveland, Eſq, Commiſſioner of his Majeſty's Navy, is appointed Clerk of the Checque of his Majeſty's dock yard at Plymouth. *P.*

Laſt wedneſday the Horſe-races began at Newmarket, when the E. of Portmore's Victorious beat the Duke of Bolton's Gipſy for 300 guineas; and his Daffadowndilly beat Mr. Cook's Silver Cock for 200 guineas. *DJ.*

Yeſterday the aſſizes ended at Kingſton, when 3 perſons received ſentence of death. *DP.*

Laſt week Mr. Newcomen at Cheſter, a Gentleman who had received ſeveral threatning letters ſome months ago, that if he did not leave money as directed, he ſhould be murdered in his walk to or from the Coffee-houſe or Aſſembly, in his return from the latter, the night being very dark, he was heard to cry out, Help! Help! when aſſiſtance came they found him fallen down the ſteps from the row at the end of Fleſhmongers-lane, and his brains daſhed out, whether by an accidental fall, or being knocked down, God only knows. *WE.*

We hear that an Act will paſs this Seſſion for regulating the manner of lending money on pledges, and to ſuppreſs the unreaſonable intereſt taken by the common Pawn-brokers and others. *SJ.* ——— On thurſday laſt Juſtice Webſter was taken by 3 Conſtables, and carried before the bench of Juſtices, and gave in bail to appear to what M-De Veil ſhould alledge againſt him, &c. *LE.* — *We may hope to ſee* juſtice *duly executed, when* Juſtices *themſelves are* taken up by Conſtables.

Monday, *April* 5.

Yeſterday the R. Rev. the L. B. of Bath and Wells preached before their Majeſties, his R. Highneſs the Prince, &c. and the Rev. Dr. Terry before his R. Highneſs the Duke, &c. *C.*

On thurſday laſt the E. of Godolphin's horſe Morat won the King's plate of 100 guineas at Newmarket. The next day Mr. Fleetwood's Cheſnut Hunter paid a forfeit of 100 guineas to the E. of Portmore's Whipper-ſnapper. *DP. C.* ——— *This ſeems to be an idiom of the Houyhnhnmian language.*

On ſaturday died at his houſe in Lawrence-pountney-lane, Sir Gerrard Roetiers, a very eminent Dutch Merchant. *DJ.*

On ſunday morning early, a fire broke out at the Queen's-head Ale houſe at Shadwell, over againſt the Church, which burnt violently for above 3 hours, and deſtroyed 7 houſes. *C.* 8 or 9 houſes. *R.* 3 or 4 houſes. *DP.*

On ſaturday laſt a Farrier's man in Alderſgate-ſtreet ſtooping under a horſe's head, the horſe bit off one of his ears, but did not take out the drum of it. *P.*

Tuesday, *April* 6.

We hear from Kingſton, that on ſunday a Lady being taken ill in that Church, fell from her ſeat: and the bench breaking, 2 perſons in the ſame pew burſt open the door to get her aſſiſtance; the noiſe of which put the whole audience into the greateſt confuſion, every one endeavouring to get out firſt, thinking the Church was falling, the workmen being to begin to pull it down the next day; ſeveral had their legs and arms broke by the fright. *C.* — *This is the firſt inſtance of bones* broken by a fright.

On ſaturday laſt, at Newmarket, Sir Mich. Newton's Mare beat the D. of Bolton's *Jackanapes*, for 200 guineas, notwithſtanding there was 25 guineas to 10 laid againſt her. *P.*

On thurſday, Mr. Knyvett, Coroner for the County of Norfolk, took an inquiſition at Caſton, near Kimberley, of 2 children of one Tho. Denny: the mother deſired the nurſe to go for ſome milk, and then cut the throat of her daughter, who was about 8 years old; the girl opened the door, and ran into the yard; but her mother pulled her into the houſe, and there ſhe died immediately: ſhe then went to her ſon, who was about 10 years of age, and lay in his bed very ill, and with the ſame knife cut his throat, ſo that he died in an hour and an half: after that ſhe cut her own throat 3 inches and a half in length, but is not dead, and now under a Surgeon's care. *Ibid.*

The ſame day the Aſſizes ended at Warwick, where 3 Malefactors received ſentence of death. *DP.*

Exeter, Ap. 2. Yeſterday the Aſſizes ended, and 6 perſons received ſentence of death. *EP. SJ. WE.*

We hear, that, by a Bill to be brought into Parliament, all Pawnbrokers will be obliged to take no more on the loan upon goods, than 6 per cent, and that the Charitable Corporation are to ſubmit to the ſaid terms; and that in caſe of ſale of the goods, upon a time to be limited, the overplus ſhall be returned to the Proprietor of ſuch goods. *SJ.*

We hear that 40,000 l. has been ſubſcribed over and above the 800,000 l. for the State Lottery. *LE. SJ.*

Mr. John Martin Deputy Clerk of the Veſtry of S. George's Hanover Square, is appointed by Sir Rob. Walpole, to be one of the Clerks in the Exchequer Office. *WE.*

The report of the King's going this year to Hanover is without foundation. *SJ.*

On Sunday morning dy'd at Hampſtead Rob. Packer of Shellingford Caſtle in the County of Berks, Eſq; who had been conſtantly choſen for 20 years laſt, one of the Knights for the ſaid County. *WE. LE.* — We hear that Will. Archer of Wellford in the ſame County will be nominated by the Gentlemen to ſucceed him. *LE.* — Mr. Packer or Mr. Archer will be nominated. *DP.* 7.

We hear the following promotions will be made very ſhortly: The Hon. Hen. Pelham, Eſq; Pay-maſter of the Army to be created a Peer, and made L. Privy Seal. — Sir Will. Strickland, Bar. Secretary at war, to be Pay-maſter. — Sir Will. Yonge, Knight of the Bath, to be Secretary at war. — Sir Cha. Hotham, Bar. to be one of the Lords of the Treaſury in Sir Will. Yonge's room. — The hon. Will. Townſend, Eſq; to ſucceed Sir Charles as Groom of the Bed chamber to his Majeſty. — And John Goodrick, Eſq; (a near Relation of the L. Bingleys) to be Groom of the Bedchamber to the Prince, in the room of Mr. Townſend. *LE.*

An Abſtract of an Abſtract of the Letter printed in the Craftſman *of laſt* Saturday.

'Go on, Sir, conſiſtently with yourſelf, and your conſtant way and manner of writing, to inſinuate, as you do 'in your laſt *Craftſman*, that *France* is juſt upon the point 'of breaking with us; and that, for this reaſon, it will 'be prudent and neceſſary to make a conſiderable reduction of our own land forces; and, that *Spain* ought to be 'compelled to grant us a proper diſtrict round the garriſon of *Gibraltar*; and likewiſe *France* to deliver up the 'town of *Dunkirk*, in order to remedy the treachery or 'blunders of thoſe knaves or blockheads, who form'd the 'Treaty of *Utrecht*.

'Go on, great Sir, to inſiſt loudly upon theſe things; 'and to convince the people of *England*, that it is more 'for the intereſt of this nation, to demand that theſe forts 'be levell'd with the ground, which may give *France* an 'opportunity to take part with, and unite themſelves with '*Spain*, than even to deſiſt from this demand, or to give 'up *Gibraltar* for a proper equivalent: which might for ever put it out of the power of *France*, to ſeparate *Spain* 'from us; and be the certain means of eſtabliſhing a laſting 'friendſhip and alliance between *Great Britain* and the 'crown of *Spain*. *C.*

Whereas William Egerton, Trooper in his Grace the Duke of Argyle's Regiment of Horſe, and in Capt. Philip Tench's Troop, hired a horſe of Aaron Wotter, Victualler, in Chipping-Wycomb in the County of Bucks, on Dec. 8. to return in 21 days, but hath not kept his word: whoever will bring the ſaid horſe ſhall have one guinea reward, &c. *Ibid.* — — *Tho' our Members ſometimes hire horſes in this manner: yet I cannot think, that this is* William Egerton, Eſq; *Author of* Faithful Memoirs of the Life of Mrs. Oldfield.

Wednesday, *April* 7.

Yeſterday Sir Edw. Bellamy, Knt. and Ald. was elected Governor, and John Olmius, Eſq; Deputy Governor of the Bank of England for the enſuing year. *DJ.* John Holmius. *DP.*

Laſt ſunday morning died, at the houſe of — Archer, Eſq; Groom-Porter, Miſs Thomas, a young Lady of

30,000l. fortune. *Ibid.* —— On monday night died Francis Lynn, Esq; Secretary to the Royal African Company. *D P.* ——— Yesterday died at the D. of Queensboroughs in Burlington Gardens Miss Jennings, a young Lady of great fortune. *P.*

Private Letters from Paris bring advice of the death of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lincoln, who died on his travels the 27th of last month. The honour and estate descends to the Hon. George Clinton, now Commander of his Majesty's ship the Salisbury, he being the uncle of the deceased Earl. By the said Earl's death, upwards of 40,000 pounds goes to Greenwich Hospital; the said Hospital being left heir to the late Lord Herbert Torrington's will, if the Earl of Lincoln should die without male issue. *P.*

His Majesty having been graciously pleased to give his free pardon to Sir Simon Clarke and Mr. Arnott, condemn'd at last Wincheſter Assizes; and their Case having been humbly presented to the Right Hon. the Lords of the Admiralty, their Lordships have been pleased to order Sir Simon Clarke on board his Majesty's ship the Ludlow Castle, and Mr. Arnott on board his Majesty's ship the Winchelsea. *Ibid.*

The Lady of the Archbishop of Canterbury is relapsed, insomuch that yesterday she lay so dangerously ill, that there was little hopes of her recovery *Ibid.*

The chief of the Gentlemen in the commission of the peace for the County of Middlesex and Liberty of Westminster have subscribed a remonstrance, to be laid before the R. Hon. the Lord Chancellor, against Justice Webster, *for sending for Justice De Veil to Leicester Coffee-House, and when he came there, shutting the door of the room they were in, and drawing his sword before he declared his business, and striking Mr. De Veil over the head with his naked sword; and when Mr. de Veil retreated to draw, rushed upon him and seized his sword, and held it in his hand whilst he stabb'd Mr. De Veil in the belly:* All which is sworn before Mr. Justice Galloway. *D P.*

We hear that the Oratory-Subject to-morrow evening will be advertised in this Paper to-morrow morning, &c. After which will be No. II. of the Ninnies History, or *Lawton* lettered on the back, and sprinkled; in answer to his Scribble-scrabbles against Mr. Orator. *D J.* — *This advertising* Orator, *tho' a* Bookseller *himself, seems not to understand even the outside of Books: for* sprinkling *of the leaves or cover always precedes* lettering on the back. *However it is excuseable, since his own* Books, *or rather* Pamphlets, *are generally* unbound, *but always* unlettered.

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-street.*

Whereas the *LE.* and some other Papers of this week, say, that some *Rioters have been executed at Jersey*; it is an *execution* of their own inventing: And tho' they tell us, that *the Council sate 'till 3 of the clock in the morning on the affair relating to Jersey*; it is known, that they adjourned that night at 6 or 7: And tho' according to them *Col. Howard is on his voyage from Jersey hither*, it is certain he has been come some months.

We are obliged to our Correspondents for so many Letters, &c. that we rather choose to take no notice of the reception of them, than to mention any in particular. And they may depend upon our publishing of them, unless we have some very good reason to the contrary: of which some of them, we believe, have been convinced too late, when, out of impatience to have them printed, they have sent them to be inserted in other *Papers*, where they have not appeared to any great advantage.

The Speech of a Nurse to an Alderman's Child, while she was undressing it; taken down in writing from her own mouth.

Child cries, Nurse sings, *Lully Baby bunting,*
Father's gone a hunting —

Dids 'em, dids 'em vex my child? what does my child cry for? Did 'em take my child's hobby-horse? O de blessing on it, 'tshall have it den again, and ride abroad with its nown Pappa; —— Go naughty daddy, go, what ride abroad, and not take its nown child, with it? We'll tell Mamma. —— It shall be a Lord Mayor itself sometime or other, and ride in its nown coach; ay that it shall, and its old Nurse shall ride with it. [*Child cries louder*] Hush-a-den! Hush-a-den! won't it be a Lord-Mayor? It shan't be a Lord-Mayor, it shall be any thing so it wont cry so. Hush a-den, did I say it should be a Lord-Mayor, and front mine nown child? It shan't be a Lord-Mayor, it shall be a Judge, or a Bishop: for I'm sure my child wou'd make as good a Judge or Bishop as any Judge or Bishop whatever. —— Dod a bless it, 'tis quieter now, ay, ay, it shall be a Bishop, and old nurse will make it so. Hush-a-den, what if an old woman should make it so? [*Nurse having stripp'd it, it cries louder than before*] Well, Lord ha' mercy on me who'd be a nurse? Oh thee'rt a tiresome brat, what never leave crying? —— Well I wont huff it no more, come den pis in the fire like a man.

This Nurse is thought to have been formerly the Wife of a Butcher in New-Port Market, and to have frequented the Oratory, where she imbibed these sentiments concerning *Judges* and *Bishops*, and improved her natural strain of Eloquence.

Jacob Gingle, Esq; informed the Society, that he had received a letter from Mr. Mac Ewen, to let him know that he had got so much by the *Oratory Books*, which he had sold (to use the Author's own words) *for more or less than the worth, according as he could agree*; that he had thought fit to leave his shop. But tho' the run of them was now over, and there was no demand for *broken Prose:* yet if he would undertake to put them into *whole verse*, after the manner in which he had varied the Orator's advertisement, he would venture upon a new impression, and pay him handsomly for his pains. *In complaisance to* this *letter*, he was ready to lay it before the the Society, whenever they should give directions.

We are glad to hear, that in the controversy between those two eminent Booksellers, Lawton Gilliver and John Silly-cur, the former (a person of uncommon assurance, who has always shewed a particular enmity against our Society) has at last met with his match. And we have just now received the agreeable news, that he was this very evening rebaptized by the other, who gave him his own name. But as he did it only with the ceremony of *sprinkling*, which is but modern in comparison of the more ancient one of *dipping*, we hope he will with greater solemnity perform this upon him at Fleet-ditch, and *dip* him as much over head and ears, as we are informed he has been *dipped* himself.

Edinburgh, Mar. 29. Capt. Tuchen seized at sea, on the 27th, near Fife, 150 anchors of brandy, in 2 open boats, being about 1000 English gallons. *C. D P. Ap.* 6.

We are informed by Letters from Ireland, that —— Macnemara, Esq; and Cha. Creagh, Esq; having been bound over near 50 times within these 3 years to their good behaviour, at last met, and were both killed upon the spot, by discharging their pistols; as also one Mr. Eyres of the County of Galway; to the general satisfaction of the sober part of that Kingdom. *C. Ap.* 5.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Thursday, *April* 1.

Wolfembutt'le, Mar. 24. N.S. Duke Augustus William, our Sovereign died yesterday morning, aged 69 years, and 15 days. He left no issue by either of his 3 wives. His dominions devolve upon Duke Lewis Rodolph of Brunswick Blankenburg, his Brother, Father of the present Empress *C.*

Seville, Mar. 9. Letters from Cadiz advise, that the tempests still make great havock along the coast; that several rocks were cleft asunder; and that they had discovered the ruins of an old heathen temple, with a copper statue, and some medals of the same metal, which are thought to have been struck in the time of old Carthage. *Ibid.*

Amsterdam, Ap. 6. Letters from Moscow assure us, that a Treaty is concluded between the Courts of Russia and Denmark, whereby the passage of the Sound is allowed to the former, and the ceremonial is likewise settled which the ships of each nation are to observe upon their meeting at sea. *D P.*

This day arrived the Mail from France.

Paris, Mar. 7. A certain person who was sent to Senegal to examine if there were any Mines, is lately returned hither, and reports, that having travelled 300 leagues into that country, he met with a great chain of mountains, in which were 14 caverns, wherein he found gold mines in abundance; and adds, that the sand of all the rivers which issued from the said mountains was mixed with gold dust, a small bag whereof he has brought with him. *E P. W E.* Senegallia: a ridge of mountains: 14 caves. *L E.*

Friday, *Ap.* 2.

Paris, Ap. 7. N.S. We have an account, that the criminal judge of a country town, being apprehensive that the executioner would favour a young woman whom he had sentenced to the whipping post, resolved to see the execution; and finding the hangman did not strike so hard as he could wish, he took the scourge out of his hand, and cruelly whipt the poor girl himself; after which, he gave the executioner his whip, who made him a compliment as a Brother, upon the perfection with which he had discharged the functions of his office. The judge was so provoked at the hangman's mirth, that he ordered him to be seized, and condemned him to the galleys: but as appeals are allowed in such cases, 'tis thought that nothing will be done in it, but the judge will be soundly reprimanded. *C. P.* The judge for criminal matters of the city of Provence. *D J.*

Private Letters from Cadiz import, that since the late storm there, the sea was so far retired as to disclose the ruins of a temple, &c. *D P.*

Cadiz, Mar. 20. N. S. We are impatiently waiting for the delivery of the Flota's treasure; it is now about 6 months since its arrival, and the detention has had a most terrible effect on the commerce of this kingdom, which is thereby reduced to a wretched condition. The King has desired of the Consulado a loan for a million of money, and in case they would comply, promises an immediate delivery of the rest; but they have denied him, giving for answer, that as the whole is in his possession, he may do what he thinks proper with it, but that they cannot in conscience dispose of mens estates, who are already so much distressed. *D J.*

Saturday, *April* 3.

Sallee, Feb. 20. N.S. King Muley Abdallah having published a Proclamation, whereby it is death for any person to send arms to either of the great provinces of Tamazima or Dukela, which are the granaries of Barbary; their inhabitants (who have not yet submitted to him) are so enraged at it; that they have in revenge forbid the exportation of any kind of grain out of their country: this prohibition has occasioned a dearth here, that amounts to little less than a famine; several of the poorer sort having died for want of sustenance. *P. C.*

Sancta Cruz in *Barbary, Feb.* 24. We have had 2 dreadful storms, the latter of which continued with that violence from the 7th till the 20th, that almost half the town, which is situate upon a hill, is destroyed thereby. *C.* Which stands upon a mountain, is washed away. *P.*

This afternoon arrived a Mail from Flanders.

Brussels, Ap. 2. Letters from Berlin say, that his Prussian Majesty had given directions for his troops to be ready to march by May 1st, in order to form the 2 projected camps. *S J.*

Monday, *April* 5.

Paris, Ap. 8. The Tragedy of *Amasis*, very little extolled in the first representations of it, is now much cried up, perhaps from a humour whence the Play of *Brutus* met with disdain. —— On the Italian Theatre they have brought a pitiful parody of *Brutus*, called *Belus*; and the French Theatre has had a new Comedy, that lived but one night, entitled, *The Effects of prejudice.* —— M. du Marsais has published a kind of rhetorical, grammatical, and logical Piece, entitled *Tropes*, i. e. the different senses in which the same word may be taken. —— M. de Varenne, *The discovery of the Empire of Canthahar*, in imitation of *Gulliver.* —— And M. de Labal, a Translation of Cicero's Letters to Brutus, with historical and critical remarks in 2 vol. 12mo. At the head is a learned Preface, which contains the Life of Brutus. I shall conclude with an Epitaph upon a learned Gentleman lately deceased.

In expectatione judicii,
Hic jacet
Hominum Paradoxotatos,
Natione Gallus, religione Romanus:
Orbis litterati portentum:
Venerandæ antiquitatis cultor & destructor.
Docte febricitans,
Somniata & inaudita commenta vigilans
Edidit.
Scepticum pie egit;
Credulitate puer, audacia juvenis,
Deliriis senex.

Schaffhausen, Ap. 1. On the 28th a fire broke out in the castle where King Victor Amadeus resided, and burnt it to the ground. *C.*

Yesterday arrived the Mail due from France.

Paris, Ap. 11. Letters from Rome import, that on the 17th the Count del Grosso, Ambassador of the King of Sardinia, received orders to quit Rome in 3 days, and to return home. *C.* &c. —— On the 4th in the Royal Academy of Sciences M. Morand read a Dissertation upon Fryar James's method of cutting for the stone, revived and brought to perfection by Mr. Cheselden, a celebrated Surgeon in London, and now practised successfully at Paris. *C. P. D J.* —— The Actions are risen to 1546 livres. *C. D J.*

Tuesday, *Ap.* 6.

Yesterday arrived a Mail due from Holland, *and 2 from* Flanders.

Hague, Ap. 6. N. S. The Marq. de Fenelon on wednesday last met by accident the E. of Chesterfield at the Great Pensionary's: and as he came in last, the English Ambassador thought he would go first, and said to the Marq. *Sir, I suppose you have business; I will take my leave.* The Marq. answered, *No Sir, it is you that have business, I doubt not, by your being here first.* To which the English Lord replied, in a tone which he knows when to make use of, *Sir, my business is done, and all over*, and so left them. *P.*

Brussels, Ap. 12. The Ostend Stock, from 76 above *par*, has taken a roll down to 44 or 45, on the report, that the charter is to be abolished. *P. C.*

Extract of a letter from Naples, Mar. 23. N. S. Nothing but devotion is to be seen, as it is the Holy Week;

which is increaſed by the conſternation this city was under the 20th, by an earthquake, which was felt about 4 in the morning, and laſted full 3 minutes. Foggia, a city in Apuglia, about 100 miles off, is 2 thirds demoliſhed, and near 2000 perſons buried under the ruins. *D J.*

WEDNESDAY, *April* 7.

Hague, Ap. 11. Letters from Paris take notice, that people talk variouſly there, touching the diſpoſition of the French Court upon the preſent turn of Affairs, and ſome will have it that another Alliance offenſive and defenſive is on foot, between certain Powers. *D P.*

Extract of a private letter from Paris. — The Card. de Fleury is ſo chagrined at the concluſion of the Alliance of Vienna without his participation, that he will in all likelihood endeavour to diſſuade the Court of Seville from acceding to it. — The pregnancy of the Dutcheſs Dowager of Parma is now no longer believed here; the new Treaty of Vienna having abſolutely taken off the maſk. — *Paris, Ap.* 7. N. S. They write from Joinville, that a woman within 2 leagues of that place, died aged 114. and that a Peaſant of Chenaye, who had his arm cut off ſome time ago by a widow of 99, with whom he was in love, was ſince attack'd and devour'd by a wolf, as he was hunting. *P. — One would have thought nothing could have devoured him, after his eſcape from ſuch an* old widow.

Moſcow, Mar. 18. On the 15th, this Court received an expreſs from Conſtantinople, with diſpatches from the Czarina's miniſter, containing freſh aſſurances, that the Grand Seignior perſiſts in the reſolution to maintain a perfect union with her Czarian Majeſty. *C. D J.*

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